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SUBJECT: KENYAN COOPERATION WITH IRAN

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT IT WOULD
BE IN KENYA'S INTEREST TO SEEK CLOSER RELATIONS WITH IRAN.
U.S. MATCHMAKING EFFORTS SHOULD REMAIN DISCREET.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT
WISH EXPLORE FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- IRANIAN INVESTMENT IN KENYAN AGRO-BUSINESS (GRAINS,
LIVESTOCK) WITH EYE TO ASSURING IRANIAN FOOD SUPPLIES.

- COMMON INTERESTS IN DEVELOPING ARID AREAS.

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- MILITARY COOPERATION: IRAN HAS CAPACITY TO PROVIDE SOME MILITARY TRAINING AND IS POTENTIAL SOURCE OF USED EQUIPMENT. IRANIAN NAVY MAY HAVE INTEREST IN PORT VISITS TO MOMBASA OR REFUELING FACILITY.

- IRAN MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN OTHER AREAS OF INVESTMENT THAT PROMISE PROFIT AND WOULD BE CONTRIBUTORY TO IRANIAN HAT PROMISE PROFIT AND WOULD BE CONTRIBUTORY TO IRANIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE IT IS PUTTING BRAKES ON CONCESSIONAL LENDING ABROAD. KISSINGER

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